# OUT OF THE ORDINARY

# Raffle of Babies In Paris



A raffle where one has a chance to win a live baby is certainly something unusual, and yet, strange as it may sound, one occurred recently Im Parls. The management of a foundling hospital, with the consent of the authorities, decided to raffie all the babies whose parents could not be traced up. The income of this raffle was divided among different charity institutions.

# PYRAMID ON A SKYSCRAPER SQUIRREL'S WONDERFUL LEAP

break a fall.

It is said that every species of tree

squirrel seems capable of a sort of

rudimentary flying, or at least of mak-

ing itself into a parachute so as to

One naturalist tells of an occasion

when his dog treed a red squirrel in

a tall hickory that stood on the side

of a steep hill. To observe what the

squirrel might do when closely press-

ed the investigator climbed the tree.

The little fellow took refuge in the

topmost branches, and then, as the

naturalist approached, boldly leaped

into the air, spread himself upon it,

and, with a quick, tremulous motion

of his tail and legs, descended quite

slowly and landed upon the ground

thirty feet below, apparently none the

worse for the leap, for he ran with

great speed and escaped up another

A traveler in Mexico relates a still

more striking instance of the power

of squirre's, partly to neutralize the

effect of the force of gravity when

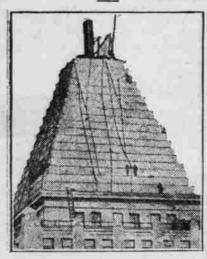
It appears that some boys had

caught a black squirrel nearly as

large as a cat. It had escaped from

them once by leaping sixty feet from

leaping through the air.



The stone roof of the Bankers Trust Company building, at the northwest corner of Nassau and Wall streets, New York City, shown in the picture to be nearing completion, is said by the architects to be something of an experiment in design and construction. There is no other of the kind in existence. The pyramid contains twenty-three steps, each 3 feet 91/2 inches high by 1 foot 4 inches wide. Total height of pyramid, 94 feet 6 inches. The dimensions of its base are 70 by 69 feet. The restorations of the Mausoleum of Halicarnassus generally show this type of superstruc-

# USE SALT ON ROADS

As a general rule the roads in and around French towns are tarred at the commencement of the summer in order to abate the dust nuisance. It has, however, been found that tar, although excellent in the case of macadamized roads, is of little or no value where car lines exist and paved street crossings intersect the roads in every direction, as tarring cannot be carried out on stones.

The authorities, basing their action on the well-known hygrometrical properties of common salt, have made a test of its value in laying the dust. Twenty yards of roadway have been sprinkled liberally with salt and then watered freely. If the results are satisfactory salt will be used throughout the town of Havre, it being impossible to tar the majority of the streets, as they are paved with rough stone blocks.

led some of the lads to declare that the creature was bewitched. To test the matter the toys wanted to throw the squirrel down a precipice several hundred feet deep.

The traveler intervened to obtain fair play for the squirrel. The prisoner was conveyed in a pillow case to the edge of the cliff, and then let out, that he might take the choice between captivity and the terrible leap.

The squirrel looked down the abyss. and then backward and sideways, his eyes glistening, his form crouching. Seeing no escape except in front, he took a flying leap into space, and fluttered, rather than fell into the abyss below. His legs began to work like those of a swimming poodle dog, but faster and faster, while his tail, slightly elevated, spread out like a feather

He landed on a ledge of limestone, where he could be seen squatting on his hind legs and smoothing his ruffled fur, after which he made for the creek with a fleurish of his tail, took a drink and scampered away.

#### PAINT MADE FROM CACTUS

When traveling through the rural districts of Uruguay one's attention is attracted to the fine white color of the farm buildings, even during the wet season. To obtain this neat effect a whitewash is used which is made with the sliced leaves of the common cactus, macerated in water for 24 hours, producing a solution of creamy consistence; to this lime is added and well mixed. When applied to any surface, be it of wood, brick, fron or other material, a beautiful pearly white appearance is produced, which will endure through storms and frosts for many years.

#### BOY AND EAGLE IN BATTLE

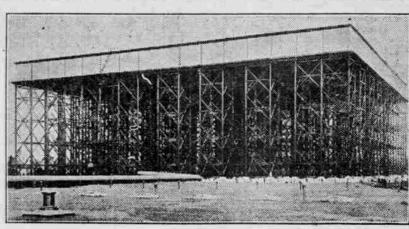
Elmer Peterson, fifteen years old, living four miles west of Little Falls, Minn., had a hard battle with an eagle and was saved from serious injury only by the arrival of a brother. The boy had shot the bird, which was in a tree. The eagle fell to the ground and immediately went at the boy with its talons. The bird's claws became fastened in the boy's clothing and the lad was unable to free himself. Elmer was badly frightened and his strength was giving out when his brother arrived and killed the eagle with a club. The bird measured five feet across the wings.

# FANTASTIC WORK OF NATURE



rectly what the object is that is here pictured. In reality it is a piece of the root of a holly tree and was found growing in a granite quarry in Virginia. As photographed it is quite unthe top of a pine tree, and this had changed by man's hand.

# Calcutta's Big Water Tank



Not long ago the authorities of Calcutta decided that the city's supply of drinking water was insufficient, so they ordered the construction of a great reservoir at Tallah, a suburb. This has been completed in the form of a tank of steel and teakwood with a capacity of 2,000,000 gallons. In size is 321 feet square, 16 feet deep, and is elevated 110 feet above the ground.

# SOME HINTS ON SWEEPING

Broom in the Hands of the Inexperienced Often Does More Harm Than Good.

It is not an easy matter to sweep well, at any rate, if one judges by experience, for when a broom is put into the hands of the inexperienced more harm than good generally results. from the use of it.

Light sweeping and soft brooms are desirable. Many a carpet is prematurely worn out by careless sweeping

In sweeping thick plied carpets always brush the way of the pile. By doing so it may be kept clean for years; but if the broom is used in a different way the dust will enter the carpet and soon destroy it.

If the carpet covers the whole floor of the room and it is nailed down, place the chairs and other articles of furniture which can be easily moved in the middle of the room, pin up the curtains and cover the couch with an old sheet.

Pieces of damp paper may be sprinkled round the sides of the room, and then sweep with a carpet broom toward one place.

Take short strokes, being careful not to raise the broom much. Sweep the corners and edges with a small whiskbroom.

Put two tablespoonfuls of ammonfa into one gallon of water; wring a cloth out of this and wipe the carpet. This will remove the dust and help to brighten the carbet.

#### PLAIN WASHING SODA'S USES

Chemical Is Great Saver of Work and Almost Indispensable to the Housekeeper.

Uses for common washing soda: One heaping tables poonful of soda to a pint of water (boiling) will clean the ugliest burned pan by letting it soak a few hours.

In boiling clothes a few tablespoonfuls of soda in the water will eradicate stains from clothes and lend a snowy whiteness. I have used it on the finest quality of white goods with entire satisfaction. It will not injure the material.

To clean a coffee or tea pot made of granite or lined with porcelain, fill up the utensil with cold water, set on stove to boil, and add a lump of soda as large as a hazelnut to the water. It cleanses perfectly. In fact, , sweetness is insured after its usage in every instance.

To clean silver: Put a level tablespoonful in dishpan, add a quart of cold water, put on fire to boil (put silver in pan in the cold water), and wipe immediately after the water boils up. Result: Perfectly shined silver ware without any trouble. These are hints I learned for myself on the usages of soda.

# Lemon Jelly.

An excellent rule for lemon felly, which is nice either as a dessert by itself or as a foundation for an elaborate sweet, calls for two cupfuls of boiling water, two small lemons, half a big cupful of sugar and two large tablespoonfuls of gelatine, or as much as will stiffen the mixture when it be comes cold. Soak the gelatine in barely enough cold water to cover it, and when it becomes soft melt it completely by setting the cup it is in in boiling hot water. Then stir it immediately into the lemon juice, water and sugar, which should be heating on the stove. Let the jelly harden on ice or snow after pouring it into a mold.

# Queen Charlotte Pudding.

One pint of bread crumbs, one quart of milk, one cup of sugar, yolks of four eggs, butter size of a walnut. Bake half an hour. Take out of the oven and cover with currant jelfy. Beat whites of the four eggs, one cup of sugar, juice of one lemon, spread over the jelly and brown in the oven.

# Delicious Indian Pudding.

Three cups of boiling water (in spider), one cup of meal added slowly, stirring and cooking well; put same into pudding dish and add one cup of molasses, two eggs well beaten, half a cup of brown sugar, pinch of ginger, salt to suit taste and one quart of milk; and after cooking some time add another pint of milk, and be sure not to stir; bake all day at back of oven. This has been served at church suppers, clambakes and even banquets. Will come out of oven a deep red and rich with jelly.

# Lemon Meringue Pie.

Grated rind and juice of large lemon, one cup sugar, two egg yolks, one tablespoon cornstarch, butter size of walnut. Add enough cold water to fill ple tin. Cook until thickened. Bake crust first, put in filling, spread over top beaten whites of eggs, with one tablespoon of sugar. Brown in oven.

# Hastens Egg Beating.

Some housekeepers believe that eggs will beat more quickly if a pinch of salt is added to them.

# It Means Health For the Child

The careful mother, who watches closely the physical peculiarities of her children, will soon discover that the most important thing in connection with a child's constant good health is to keep the bowels regularly open. Sluggish bowels will be followed by loss of appetite, restlessness during sleep, irritability and a dozen and one similar evidences of physical disorder.

At the first sign of such disorder give the child a teaspoonful of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin at night on retiring and repeat the dose the following night if necessary—more than that will scarcely The careful mother, who watches close

necessary—more than that will scarcely be needed. You will find that the child will recover its accustomed good spirits at once and will eat and sleep normally.

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Anyone wishing to make a trial of this remedy before buying it in the regular way of a druggist at fifty cents or one dollar a large bottle (family size) can have a sample bottle sent to the home free of charge by simply addressing Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 201 Washington St., Monticello, Ill. Your name and address on a postal card will do.

SURE NOT.



The Pessimist-Fame is a bubble. The Optimist-But it isn't the hardest blower that attains it.

# Husband Was Willing.

The Scot has no monopoly of do mestic felicity, as many a piquani paragraph bears witness. The other day an old farmer and his wife were 'doing" the sights of a provincial town, and, among other places they visited a panorama of South Africa.

The views were extremely interesting, and the couple were enjoying themselves to the full. As scene after scene passed, the woman's enthusiasm increased, and at length, turning to her husband, she exclaimed:

'Oh, Sandy, this is really splendid. could jist sit here all my days."

"Ah, weel, Jennie, woman," replied Sandy, to the mirth of those sitting near, "just sit you still there; I'll not grudge the saxpence."

Our idea of nothing to beat is the fellow who brags that he begins where we leave off!

